

**ATTENTION KHCA MEMBERS!**

***Your assistance is needed ASAP!***

House Bill #2726 has been introduced which would assess a fee to those providers of waiver programs. This would be an annual assessment called a waiver provider fee, on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, imposed at a rate of 3% of the gross revenues of the waiver provider received from providing services as part of a waiver program during the calendar year preceding the date of assessment. The waiver provider fee would be used to finance initiatives designed to maintain or improve the quantity and quality of services provided by the waiver programs.

The fee can be used to cover services to recipients within the waiver program upper payment limits, to reimburse the waiver program share of the waiver provider fee assessment as a pass-through allowable cost; to restore the rate reductions implemented January 1, 2010 and to restore funding for fiscal year 2010, including re-basing and inflation. The remaining amount, if any, shall be expended for quality enhancement of waiver programs, but shall not be used directly or indirectly to replace existing state expenditures for payments to waiver programs for services.

If a waiver provider fails to pay the full amount of the waiver provider fee imposed, the KHPA shall assess a penalty in the amount of the lesser of \$500 per day or 2% of the fee owed for the current fiscal year.

*This bill was introduced in the Committee on Federal and State Affairs on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and on March 4<sup>th</sup> was referred to the House Appropriations Committee. The KHCA will be watching closely for when hearings take place on this bill. In the meantime, we would highly recommend you send an email or place a call to the legislators that sit on the Appropriations Committee and give them your input on how this would affect your agency and your ability to deliver services to your clients, especially those patients you care for on the waiver programs. To email use their [firstname.lastname@house.ks.gov](mailto:firstname.lastname@house.ks.gov)  
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